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Skinners Falls Bridge Project



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Project Overview

County: Wayne County
Municipality: Damascus Township
Project Type: Planning and Environmental Linkages Study
Designer: AECOM (100 Sterling Parkway, Suite 205, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District 4-O, together with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Region 9, is conducting a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for the Skinners Falls Bridge.

The Skinners Falls Bridge crosses the Delaware River, connecting the communities of Milanville, PA, and Skinners Falls, NY. In recent years, the bridge has undergone a series of traffic closures due to observed structural issues followed by emergency repairs and re-openings. A customer complaint and subsequent District Bridge Unit inspection on October 16, 2019, identified timber deck and lateral truss bracing deterioration requiring the bridge to be closed.

PennDot is conducting a PEL study to identify the transportation purpose and need for the project. The next steps for the study include a Historic Bridge Rehabilitation Analysis, additional technical studies, and alternatives development, followed by an environmental assessment as part of the NEPA phase.

Resources

- Plans Display
- Planning and Environmental Linkages Study
- 12-17-2024 Presentation Video and Comments/Questions
- 12-17-2024 Presentation Q&A Record
- 11-14-2024 Presentation Video and Comments/Questions
- Project Survey Results
- Purpose and Need Document

Route 309 over
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Replacement

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Route 424 Expansion
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Interstate 84 Bridge
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Route 739 Safety
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Route 4043 over
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SR 81 (Interstate 81)
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Interstate 80 Bridge
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Bridge Project

Damascus Township
Substructure
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Auken Creek

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Superstructure
Replacement Project

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362 Northbound Over
West Foothills Drive

Skinnners Falls Bridge
Project

Resurfacing Project on
Route 11 (North
Scranton Expressway)
and Bridge Preservation
on 7 Bridges

Route 115 over
Interstate 81 Bridge
Replacement

SR 2002 Slope Repair
Project

Route 3016 (Tank Road)
Slope and Pavement

Project Activities

December 2024

PennDOT held a Virtual Public Meeting on December 17, 2024, to provide an update on the future of the bridge. The presentation and the questions and answers can be found under the Resources tab on the right-hand side of this page and can be found by [clicking here](#).

November 2024

PennDOT held a Virtual Public Meeting on November 14, 2024, to discuss the future of the bridge. The presentation and the questions and answers can be found under the Resources tab on the right-hand side of this page and can be found by [clicking here](#).

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today that it will host a public meeting to provide an update on the Skinnners Falls Bridge on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting. Attendees can log into the meeting by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/SkinnersMeeting>. Please note that the link is case-sensitive.

After a recent in-depth bridge inspection, it was determined that out of an abundance of caution, the Skinnners Falls bridge, which carries Route 1002 over the Delaware River in Wayne County, must be dismantled in the interest of public safety, specifically for Delaware River boating and recreational traffic. The bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic since 2019.

PennDOT will work with our federal and state agency partners, along with those in New York, to begin dismantling the bridge this calendar year, as it is critical that the bridge be removed before the onset of winter.

August 2024

PennDOT to Perform Emergency Bridge Repairs to the Skinnners Falls Bridge on Route 1002 in Wayne County

PennDOT will remove loose bridge components, install warning signs and buoys upstream and downstream of the bridge, and install temporary protective netting to the superstructure as part of an Aids to Navigation Plan (ATON) for the restriction of the navigable waterway under the Skinnners Falls bridge located on Route 1002 in Damascus Township, Wayne County. An ATON plan has been created to show the placement of warning signs and buoys to allow for safe passage of boaters within the vicinity of the bridge. Visitors to the Upper Delaware can check conditions and alerts by visiting the National Park Service Upper Delaware website (<https://www.nps.gov/upde/index.html>). Work will continue through the fall of 2024.

April 2024

The Skinnners Falls Bridge Planning and Environmental Linkages Study Available

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Engineering District 4-0 announces the publication of the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (PEL) report for State Route 1002, Section 651, Skinnners Falls Bridge over the Delaware River project located in

PAC Meeting 2
Slides
(PDF)



DRAFT
Purpose and Need
Document Public
Comment Response
Report
(PDF)



Coordination Plan
for Public and
Agency Involvement
(PDF)



MAY 2023
PAC Meeting #4
Presentation
(PDF)



Phase I Historic
Bridge
Rehabilitation
Analysis
(PDF)



Public Comment
Form
(PDF)



February 11 Meeting
Video



Contact Information

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Repair Project

Route 7304 (North Washington Street) over the Luzerne and Susquehanna Railroad Bridge Replacement Project

390 over Promised Land Lake Structure Replacement

Bridge Replacement Project on Route 367 over Branch Tuscarora Creek

Bridge Replacement Project on Route 3004 over Tributary to Riley Creek

Route 1023 over South Branch Equinok Bridge Replacement Project

Route 3002 over Butternut Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Route 590 Bridge Replacement Project

Resurfacing Project on Route 296, 170 Ect

Resurfacing Project on Route 11

Interstate 84 Summit Woods Drainage Improvement Project

Route 4036 Section 250 Bridge Replacement Project

Route 347 (Lackawanna Ave) Bridge Replacement Project

Route 632, Section 250 Culvert Replacement

T-366 (Carlton Hill Road) Superstructure Replacement Project

T-440 Section BRG Structure Replacement Project

Route 2017 Section 570 Station Hill Road Over Norfolk Southern Railroad Project

Route 1018, Section D50, over Norfolk Southern Railroad Project

Route 11 Section PRS Bridge Repair Project

Route 118 Section Safety Improvement Project

SR 2007 Section PRS Bridge Repair Project

Route 4035 Bridge Rehabilitation over Pine Creek

Route 492 (Jackson

Damascus Township, Wayne County.

A 45-day comment period will commence on April 11, 2024 and conclude May 26, 2024. Comments can be submitted via email to skinnerfallsbridge@aecom.com, or mailed to Amy Lolli,

PennDOT Assistant Liaison Engineer, Department of Transportation, District Office 4-0, 55 Keystone Industrial Park, Dunmore, PA 18512.

The PEL report is available to review at the following locations:

Wayne County Library (Honesdale) - 1406 North Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

Western Sullivan Public Library - Tusten-Cochecton Branch, 198 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Damascus Township - 60 Conklin Rill Road, Damascus, PA 18415

Town of Tusten - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

PEL Public Meeting Scheduled

PennDOT staff and their design consultant will host a plans display meeting where staff will be available to explain the project and answer questions. Preliminary results from the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study will be presented. Your participation and input will be appreciated.

Date: April 25, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Narrowsburg Union, 7 Erie Ave., Narrowsburg, NY 12764

August 2023

REMINDER: Skinners Falls Bridge is closed to all pedestrians and bicycles.

The Skinners Falls Bridge has been closed to traffic for all users, including bicycles and pedestrians, since 2019 due to safety concerns related to the condition of the bridge. Fencing is being installed at the ends of the Skinners Falls Bridge immediately to ensure the safety of all users. Please follow the posted detours to travel between New York and Pennsylvania in this area.

May 2023

PennDOT completed the first phase (Phase 1) of a Historic Bridge Rehabilitation Analysis (HBRA) and conceptual bridge alignment locations for the bridge and presented their findings and next steps to the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and federal and state resource agencies (agencies).

The Phase 1 analysis evaluated how much weight or load a rehabilitated bridge could carry while meeting the Secretary of Interior's (SOI) Standards for Rehabilitation. The HBRA Phase 1 document was posted to PennDOT's Pennsylvania Transportation and Heritage (PATH) webpage on May 25, 2023, and comments are being solicited for 30 days, until June 25, 2023, from the PA and NY State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO) and consulting parties. View the Phase 1 Historic Bridge Rehabilitation Analysis (PDF) here.

A second phase of the analysis, HBRA Phase 2, will take place during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and should be ready in Winter 2024/2025. The HBRA Phase 2 will examine how well

Street) Culvert
Replacement Project

Route 2046 (Fiddle
Lake Road) Structure
Rehabilitation Project

Route 296 Bridge
Replacement Project

Route 1004 (River Road)
over Calkins Creek
Superstructure
Replacement Project

Route 4014 Winterdale
Road Section 651
Culvert Replacement
Project

Route 447 Section 650
Superstructure
Replacement Project

Route 1023 Section
02M Bridge
Replacement Project

Route 3020 Section
D50 Culvert
Replacement Project

Route 3030 Section
D50 Culvert
Replacement Project

Route 4010, Section
650 over Shadigee
Creek

Parker Street Bridge
Replacement Project

I-81 NB over NSRR and
Black Creek Bridge
Replacement

Route 11 Section 350
Bridge Replacement
Project

Route 1015 Section 770
Bridge Replacement
over Field Brook

Route 6 Section P01
over Norfolk Southern
Railroad

Route 4014 (Winterdale
Road) over Hiawatha
Creek

Route 3010 Section
350 over Branch of Big
Wapwallopen Creek

Kidder Street and
Mundy Street
Crossroads
Improvement Project

Route 1030 Section P62
Culvert Replacement

St. Johns Road
Structure Replacement
(Route 3040 Sec D50)

Route 3018 Rock Glen
Road Bridge Structure
Replacement

Route 2036 Over Rock
Hill Creek Bridge
Project

ready in winter 2024/2025. The HBRA Phase 2 will examine how well the HBRA Phase 1 rehabilitation alternatives as well as other non-traditional improvements will meet the project Purpose and Needs and the SOI Standards for Rehabilitation.

PennDOT developed six conceptual alignment locations for a

replacement bridge and studied the impacts of each on the historical, socioeconomic, and environmental resources in the project area. After reviewing the impacts and the pros and cons for each conceptual alignment, three alignments were recommended for further study and three alignments were recommended for dismissal. PennDOT requested comments and consensus on the alignments from the cooperating and participating agencies. The alignment locations were also presented to the PAC. View the [May 2023 PAC Meeting presentation slides here](#).

January 2023

The draft Coordination Plan for Public and Agency Involvement was available for review by members of the PAC and agencies. The Coordination Plan defines the process that PennDOT will use to communicate PEL and subsequent NEPA information to the public and resource agencies. View the [final Coordination Plan for Public and Agency Involvement here](#).

PennDOT presented the planned schedule and upcoming activities for the Historic Bridge Rehabilitation Analysis (HBRA) and new bridge alternatives analysis to the PAC in January 2023 and to agencies in December 2022. The HBRA will be completed in two phases. The Phase 1 analysis evaluates the potential weight-carrying capacity of the rehabilitated bridge and whether it meets the [Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation](#). HBRA Phase 2 will look at HBRA Phase 1 rehabilitation alternatives as well as other non-traditional improvements that will meet the project's Purpose and Needs. For the new bridge alternatives analysis, the study team will identify environmental constraints, develop and assess crossing locations, develop bridge cross sections, as well as develop and assess bridge types.

October 2022

About 200 property owners, residents, and businesses within close proximity to the bridge were mailed invitations to participate as a consulting party. Of those invitations sent, 57 people have responded (4/26/2023). A full list of the consulting parties is available on PennDOT's [Pennsylvania Transportation and Heritage \(PATH\) webpage](#) under the "project-specific information" section in the "consulting parties" tab.

August 2022

In preparation for upcoming field surveys and studies, PennDOT mailed Notice of Intent to Enter (NOITE) letters in mid-August 2022 to select residents and property owners near the Skinners Falls Bridge. The mailing stated the need for the Department to access the property to collect information on the cultural and environmental features of the bridge structure and study area.

June 2022

The draft Purpose and Need document and public comment form for Skinners Falls Bridge were available on the project website from December 8, 2021, to February 7, 2022. Hard copies of the draft

Route 1011 Over Beach
Lake Creek Bridge
Project

Route 3019 Over Hazle
Creek Bridge Project

Route 424 Interchange
Improvement Project

Route 3031 (Hoadleys
Road) over Middle
Creek Bridge Project

Route 1036 Pipe Project

Route 1022 over
Tributary to Dubois
Creek Culvert Project

Oliver Mills to Mountain
Top D&L Trail Segment

Route 1014 Bridge
Project

Route 6011 Bridge
Project

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Purpose and Need document and comment form were available at three locations in the project area. Information learned through the April 2021 project survey and email comments, along with feedback from the Project Advisory Committee and emergency management professionals, and past bridge usage data, were considered in the development of the draft Purpose and Need statement.

View the final [Purpose and Need Document](#) here and read the draft [Purpose and Need Document Public Comment Response Report](#) here.

2021

PennDOT and NYSDOT held a second Project Advisory Committee meeting on September 23, 2021. View a copy of the slideshow [here](#). An Agency Coordination Meeting (ACM) was held on October 27, 2021, to review the Draft Purpose and Need document ahead of the public review.

The study team conducted a survey from March 31 to June 1, 2021, to gain input from the community to better understand the transportation needs for this location. Data and the comments from the survey have been analyzed and summarized in this document posted to the project website. View the [project survey results](#) here.

Other Resources

PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission (PHMC) produced an educational video about Pennsylvania's historic bridges and their contribution to Pennsylvania's cultural landscape. This video can be seen on [PennDOT's Cultural Resources webpage](#) here.

The following are informational fact sheets or web pages produced/owned by FHWA:

[Planning and Environment Linkages Fact Sheet, Opens in A New Window \(PDF\)](#)

[Environmental Review Toolkit, Opens in A New Window](#)

[NEPA Overview, Opens in A New Window](#)

Section 106 and Consulting Parties

Anyone with an expressed interest in or a concern with effects to historic properties in Milanville or the Skinners Falls bridge can request to become a Section 106 consulting party via PennDOT's cultural resources public consultation website PATH for the Skinners Falls Bridge project via this [link: https://path.penndot.gov/ProjectDetails.aspx?ProjectID=4487](https://path.penndot.gov/ProjectDetails.aspx?ProjectID=4487). The PATH website also has information pertaining to the rights and responsibilities of a consulting party.

PEL Public Notice

This PEL Study is being undertaken in accordance with 23 United States Code (USC) Section 168 as well as with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450.212. Under these authorities, analyses conducted during planning may be adopted and incorporated

directly or by reference into subsequent environmental documents prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), provided that the studies are adequately documented; interested Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies are involved; a reasonable opportunity for public review and comment on the PEL Study is provided; and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is engaged.

Accessibility

The project documents can be made available in alternative languages or formats if requested. If you need translation or interpretation services, have special needs, or have concerns that require individual attention, please contact the PennDOT Project Manager listed above.

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